

Next Monday is Christmas. May it bring joy and peace to every heart and home.

We notice that THE PRESS was not the only paper in this part of the state that refused to publish the copy sent in advance of a wonderful doctor who visited various towns in Southeast Missouri recently and we also notice that the said doctor failed to settle some of his bills as well as other bills as he went along. He held an indignation meeting, at which he constituted the quorum, because we threw his copy in our basket under the table. We have two reputable physicians here, and others near by, who are honest and if they should get a case, as they often do, that requires the services of a specialist, they are in touch with the very best that can be procured—men of established reputations. Can you say as much for those doctors who go about over the country and fail to pay their hotel and other bills? We are just about an average sucker, but that's one time the bait didn't hide the hook.

The Spangh case in the Reynolds circuit court went to the jury Thursday afternoon of last week at three o'clock. Nine o'clock that evening they reported that they were unable to agree, and Judge Williams adjourned court until Friday morning. At ten o'clock the jury reported, finding a verdict of murder in the first degree against Wm. Spangh, jr., and a verdict against Mary E. Spangh of murder in the second degree and fixing her punishment at ten years in the penitentiary. The announcement of the verdict here was received with general approbation by the good people of this county. Saturday morning Jos. Williams, one of the attorneys for the defendants, filed a motion for new trial, alleging that the guns with which the Spanghs had killed Sheriff Polk had been left in the court room, where the jury was kept over night, and also alleging that the jury had been separated during the trial. Messrs. Edgar and Dameron, who had returned home, went back to Centreville Monday. The twelve jurors were brought back into court and they all swore that the guns being in the court room had not influenced their verdict. There was no evidence to show the jury had been separated. The motion for a new trial will be argued to-day and a decision will hardly be announced before to-morrow. The opinion seems to be that the motion will be overruled and the verdict of the jury allowed to stand. The case against Arthur Spangh was continued to the May term of the Reynolds circuit court.—Ironton Register.

State Hospital Number 4.

Farmington, Oct. 19, 1905. During the meeting of the Southeast Missouri Medical Association at Farmington, the members visited State Hospital No. 4 for Insane, and at a subsequent meeting, appointed a committee to report impressions of conditions as found. The report of the committee follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to report impressions of conditions existing at State Hospital No. 4 at Farmington, beg to say: We were greatly impressed with the institution, its appearance, its condition, and its management. The buildings are splendid in architectural design, and are arranged upon the grounds in shape of a large mother bird, with wings extended, as if to "hover" and protect the dependent, (a beautiful and befitting thought.) The condition of the buildings was as perfect as is possible to conceive, the cleanliness being all the more exacting could demand. The farm contributes largely to the support of the Hospital and should be liberally sustained. We are well pleased with the "Cottage System" which permits a separation and classification of patients, according to their various ailments, making possible the essentials so conducive to the welfare and recovery of the afflicted. The surroundings of the inmates are such that their retention is one of pleasure rather than discontent.

They live out of doors in seasonable weather and the enforced exercise necessary to health appears to be greatly enjoyed by them. They walk to their meals, the dining room being some distance from the other buildings, and that alone means exercise three times a day. The institution has an especially large per cent of imbeciles and degenerates, yet the per cent of recovery of actual insane, as results of modern methods used, is surprisingly large and each month witnesses to return to their homes or many of the unfortunates, restored to reason. We find also a large number of idiots and epileptics under fifteen years of age. They should be taken to Marshall to the institution for feeble minded. Many of them have a degree of intelligence and could be educated sufficiently to become self supporting, and some comfort to themselves. The clinic given at the infirmary consisted of an exhibition of fifteen patients with almost as many different mental deficiencies, and was a clear demonstration of the able and proficient management in charge which we loudly proclaim is second to none anywhere.

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Our Correspondents.

W. M. College.

After quite an extended absence I will send in a few more notes.
Will Smith spent Sunday with his parents at Leopold.

Miss Ella Falkerson has been sick for the last few days but is able to be out again.

Earl Jamison was called to his home at Zalma last week on account of the illness of his sister.

Wit Atwood went to Charleston last week and will not be in school until after the Xmas vacation.

Mrs. Hendershot gave a recital by the music class last Friday night which was very well attended by the parents, of the pupils.

The Excelsior Literary Society will meet next Friday afternoon. All are invited to attend.

Miss Lola Ellinghouse paid us a very much appreciated visit last Saturday morning.

The cadet corps is improving nicely and we think we can truly say that we have the finest corps in Southeast Missouri.

W. M. C. Tre.

Pulltight.

As I seldom see anything in THE PRESS from this place, I will send in a few items.

With the exception of bad colds, our people are enjoying good health. Those three strangers, mentioned in a communication from here some time ago, are still prospecting. It is hoped they will succeed in finding a good mineral deposit. It would be a good thing for this part of the country.

There are six weeks of the term of school in the Hahn district to teach yet.

Miss Alma Ervin is out of school now—having a tussle with chills.

Eli Hahn finished painting his house last week.

W. A. Probst had a barn raising Saturday. He will soon have his big, new barn finished.

Eli Hahn has been improving his farm with some new fencing.

Miss Bertha Probst made a business trip to Scopus Monday.

Wm. M. Limbaugh has been improving his place by erecting a neat fence around the yard.

J. B. Chandler has moved back to the old homestead near Scopus, and is busy roofing his buildings.

THE ONLY SON.

Castor.

Health is not very good.
Messdams J. Q. Stevens and D. C. Zimmerman visited Mr. Zimmerman's daughter Mrs. Forest Bollinger Sunday night.

Dr. A. Keel who happened with an accident more than two weeks ago is very little better.

Forest Bollinger and wife visited relatives and friends in Fredericktown last week.

Price Whitener while burning some grass in a meadow allowed the fire to get to the fence and burned quite a lot of it.

Drs. Keel and Morris of St. Louis are getting quite a lot of dental work to do while at this place.

Mrs. U. E. Kinder visited her

few days last week, who is seriously ill with consumption.

Mr. Seabaugh has moved his saw mill from Patton to A. F. White's place last week, owing to the sickness of his son; F. C. Shetty has been employed as head sawman.

Rev. L. R. Maak filled his regular appointment at Kinder's chapel on Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. A. T. Whitener is seriously ill at this writing with consumption.

UNCLE PETAR.

Bessville.

J. H. Whitener and wife of Fredericktown are here looking after their farm.

G. H. Venable went to Dexter last Thursday to meet his wife, who was returning from a visit in Illinois.

Forest fire near R. E. Watts's home last Wednesday caused some anxiety but by hard work and with the timely assistance of the light sled that fell the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

W. A. Welker, who is attending a business college at Sedalia, is at home for the holidays.

Bessville is reported as having a blacksmith again, who will open his shop in the near future.

R. E. Sitze is nursing a case of grip these days.

Mrs. Johnson Yount, who has been suffering with blood poisoning some time, is reported as not being quite so well lately.

Jennie and Harly Venable spent Sunday at their brother Sylvester's.

Hon. J. M. Welker had about 20 young cattle deboned last Monday.

J. M. Sitze is busy hauling logs to the Whitener sawmill at Bessville.

BESSVILLEAN.

Tallent.

We will again endeavor to give a few of the happenings of this community.

Health is good and business is flourishing in this realm of God's creation.

Our clever merchant, J. W. Tallent, is selling goods these days and is fully satisfying his customers.

Will Gruener went to Bessville Saturday evening, on business related to his farm that he now possesses in that section.

Charley Hahn and family visited the family of Samuel Shell Saturday.

J. Fulton Zimmerman spent Saturday in Marquand.

Rev. O. S. Tallent was called to Flat River last week to assist in revival meeting that is in progress at that place.

W. G. Kitchen took six dress hogs to Marquand last Friday evening, aging about two hundred lbs.

Edward Shell took a car load of hogs to St. Louis Monday.

Rev. F. F. Yount of Lodge filled his regular appointment at Mount Carmel Sunday.

The literary society is still in progress and an admitted success. The literary benefit that is derived from a society of this character is unlimited, and it is enjoyed by the young and old alike. Next Friday night promises to be the most successful meeting in the history of the society. The debate as well as

and elevating in every sense of the word. Everybody come, and let us continue to foster the grand and noble cause of education.

LORNA DOOSE.

Mayfield.

Health, pretty good.
J. F. Mayfield was the guest of P. J. Mayfield and family Saturday night.

Mrs. Catherine Bollinger died at her home near Patton Friday night, December 15. She was about 76 years old. The remains were interred in the Limbaugh cemetery near Sedgewickville on Sunday.

She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her death.

J. F. Seabaugh and son took a wagon load of turkeys to Lutesville last Friday.

Elisha Fulton has been hauling staves.

Willie Green and Vester Angle visited at T. A. Fulton's Sunday.

Misses Alice and Mary Fulton and Eva Mayfield were guests at P. H. Seabaugh's Saturday night.

Elisha Fulton, Elisha Green and Robert Mayfield attended church at Hurricane church last Sunday.

There is to be a box supper at the Hartle schoolhouse Friday night.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Miss Elizabeth Thiele.

W. D. and J. H. Mayfield had business in Lutesville Saturday.

William Tankersley, who recently returned from Indian Territory, was in this community shaking hands with old friends last week.

B. C. Douglas and family visited relatives in this community Sunday night.

The Seabaugh sawmill moved out of our neighborhood last week.

There is some talk of a stove factory being located here.

E. E. Mayfield had business at Patton Saturday.

Merry Christmas to THE PRESS force and readers. A SCHOOL BOY.

School Notes by Superintendent W. T. Carrington.

Superintendent Hardway of Jasper county says that the annual salaries paid teachers of rural schools in his county have not increased, that the length of term has increased and just in that proportion the average salary has decreased.

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It is interesting to know whether this is true in other counties.

Jefferson City is ready to entertain the teachers attending the association on December 27-29. After the fire at the governor's mansion, it was feared that it would not be repaired in time for the reception on the evening of December 28. It will be ready and Governor and Mrs. Folk will be glad to meet a thousand teachers that evening.

An old Missouri teacher sojourning in California does not proclaim the California schools better than those of Missouri. He thinks the influence of the state and Leland Stanford Universities dominate the work of the public schools to their detriment.

State Superintendent Carrington will conduct an examination for state certificates in the capital building at Jefferson city, December 26 and 27. All special subjects will be given on the first day, beginning at 8 a. m.

About one-half of the teachers of the rural schools of the state are doing all that could be expected of them in making better preparation for their work. They are mainly young men and young women ambitious to obtain a better education and to promote the best interests of the schools.

The compulsory attendance law has accentuated the need of more school revenue. In the cities and towns more especially are new buildings and larger teaching force needed. In many rural districts, an additional room and teacher must be provided next year. This means shorter terms of schools and lower salaries to teachers if there is not an increase of school tax levy or assessed valuation.

Missouri will not take a backward step in either. There is likewise and impolitic talk in some quarters about the reduction of state tax levy. If the present low rate of 17 cents gives more than is necessary to the proper conduct of the state government, let more of it be appropriated to the common schools. A larger apportionment from the state treasury, made more with reference to the needs and efforts of the several counties and communities, will help to solve an important school problem.

Missouri distributed last year \$1.34 per child enumerated. State school moneys are thus apportioned in most states. It would be better to apportion on enrollment; better still, on average attendance; better still, on total attendance, for that would encourage longer terms. Perhaps a combination plan of distribution would be still better. Before the state solves the problem of equalizing the burdens of taxation and the school privileges for the children, a large state school tax must be levied and means provided for discovering the definite needs of the several counties and communities and the school moneys distributed so as to stimulate each county and community to put forth the greatest effort within its power to bring every child into school, to provide adequate facilities and equipment, to maintain a school not less than eight months and pay salaries large enough to enable teachers to prepare themselves well and hold them in the work longer.

A Kansas student says the lower animals have the power of reasoning and imagination. When you are milking her a cow always thinks that your neck was made on purpose for her to hang her tail on, and then she imagines that it rests you to change off and let it hang over your left arm into the milk bucket.—Western Publisher.

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